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For: **Method for Prediction of Binding Targets and the Design of Ligands**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 8, after: "...rights in the invention.", please insert --This is a

AI divisional of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/089,097.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 5, 11, 12, 14, and 16 without traverse.

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 6-10, 13-15, and 17 are pending. By this amendment, claims 1, 5, 11, 12, 14,